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SUBJECT: PRE- ELECTION VIOLENCE CONTINUES AS FORMER SENATOR
WILSON MURDERED

REF: BELFAST A-50, JUNE 20, 1973

1. LATE SENATOR AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY COUNCILLOR ELECT PADDY WILSON WAS FOUND STABBED 30 TIMES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BELFAST ON JUNE 26, 1973, ALONG WITH A WOMAN FRIEND STABBED 20 TIMES. WILSON ALSO ACTED AS ELECTION AGENT FOR MR. GERRY FITT, M. P. AND S. D. L. P. LEADER.
2. THE ULSTER FREEDOM FIGHTERS, A RADICAL GROUP THAT REPORTEDLY RECENTLY BROKE AWAY FROM THE U. D. A., CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MURDERS IN RETALIATION FOR THE SHOOTING OF A PROTESTANT BOY LAST WEEK. THERE HAVE BEEN, HOWEVER, ACCUSATIONS BY BOTH SIDES FOR THE LATEST WAVE OF BOMBINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS.
3. AS CONCERN RISES FOR THE SAFETY OF CANDIDATES FOR THE JUNE 28 ELECTION, SECRETARY OF STATE, WILLIAM WHITELAW CALLED AN EMERGENCY SECURITY MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION. WITH THE DEATHS OF 6 CIVILIANS IN THE LAST 24 HOURS, THE OVERALL DEATH TOLL IN THE PROVINCE THIS YEAR ALONE STANDS AT UNCLASSIFIED

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157 (102 CIVILIANS, 43 SOLDIERS, 5 ULSTER DEFENCE REGIMENT,
7 POLICEMEN).
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